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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, the Applicants herewith transmit the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, including copies of the foreign patent documents which were cited in examination results provided by the Chinese Intellectual Property Office (issue date of September 25, 2009) with respect to related Chinese Patent Application No. 200410030093.9, and which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application. English language abstracts of the foreign patent documents, and related U.S. patent documents, are provided as statements of relevance of the foreign patent documents to the above identified application as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98. A copy of the examination results provided by the Chinese Intellectual Property Office, and an English language translation of the examination results, are also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the cited U.S. patent documents are omitted.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a first office action on the merits, but prior to receipt of a final office action, notice of allowance, or Quayle action, either certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required. Accordingly, the Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a

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communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the attached examination results provided by the Chinese Intellectual Property Office, not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, therefore no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is believed to be required. However, should any fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application, and to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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